

REMARKS

This is a preliminary amendment to a divisional application of pending prior Application Serial No. 09/578,757, filed May 25, 2000. Claims 1-75 are being canceled, and new claims 76-95 are being added in this preliminary amendment. Prompt consideration and allowance of the present application are earnestly solicited.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, Applicant's undersigned attorney requests the Examiner to telephone at the number provided below.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

Respectfully submitted,



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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADEIn the Title:

Please change the title "~~Facility Wide Communication System~~" to THROUGH-
THE-EARTH COMMUNICATION SYSTEM

In the specification:

Paragraph beginning at line 6 of page 1 has been amended as follows:

This is a division of Application No. 09/578,757, filed May 25, 2000. ~~This a~~Application No. 09/578,757 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/135,765 entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR A MINE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, filed on May 25, 1999.

In the claims:

Claims 1-75 have been canceled.

Claims 76-95 have been added.

In the Abstract:

Please delete the Title, on page 60, line 1.

~~Facility Wide Communication System~~

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